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SUBJ: PRESS HANDLING FOR DR BRZEZINSKI VISIT

REF: STATE 121038, STATE 121028

1. AS YOU WOULD IMAGINE, PRESS INTEREST IN DR BRZEZINSKI'S VISIT IS HIGH. IN RESPONSE TO A NUMBER OF REQUESTS FOR BACKGROUND BRIEFINGS ON THE VISIT, I HAVE ARRANGED TO MEET ON MAY 17 FOR AN INFORMAL SESSION WITH 15-20 MEMBERS OF THE RESIDENT PRESS CORPS. AT THAT SESSION I AM CONFIDENT THAT JOURNALISTS WILL ASK WHETHER DR BRZEZINSKI WILL HAVE A PRESS SPOKESMAN WITH HIM AND WHETHER HE PLANS TO HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE. I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION WHICH WOULD ENABLE ME TO RESPOND TO THE QUESTION OF OVERALL PRESS ARRANGEMENTS.

2. CURRENTLY THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 40 RESIDENT FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS IN PEKING. OF THAT NUMBER 18 REPRESENT WESTERN NEWS ORGANIZATIONS, 10 ARE JAPANESE, AND THE REMAINDER ARE SOVIET, EAST EUROPEAN, NORTH KOREAN AND VIETNAMESE. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NO AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS ACCREDITED IN PEKING, A NUMBER OF NEWS ORGANIZATIONS

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HAVE A WIDE AMERICAN READERSHIP THROUGH SYNDICATION AND CONTRACT ARRANGEMENTS: TORONTO GLOBE & MAIL, LONDON DAILY TELEGRAPH, REUTERS, AND AGENCE FRANCE PRESS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY COVER THE VISIT ON A FULL-TIME BASIS.

3. USLO REGARDS THE WESTERN PRESS CORPS IN PEKING AS RESPONSIBLE -- AND OFTEN EXTREMELY HELPFUL IN FULFILLING

OUR REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES. TO THE DEGREE POSSIBLE
WE WOULD HOPE TO HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY TO THEM DURING THE
COURSE OF THE VISIT.
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